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WEEKEND, February 22-24, 2013

 News worth sharing.

Why didn't more people come to the aid of Wong Shuk Yee?

Double hit-and-run.

New appeal issued as one driver remains on the lam following fatal Calgary incident Wednesday



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As family members continued to grieve the loss of a Calgary woman who was struck by two vehicles, talk around water coolers and on local radio waves centred on why more bystanders didn't come to the aid of the victim.

According to police, 56-year-old Wong Shuk Yee was struck by a Ford Taurus in the intersection of Sandstone Drive and Berkshire Blvd. N.W. just before 7 a.m. Wednesday.

The collision knocked Yee to the ground and two trailing vehicles swerved to miss her.

A third vehicle, described as a dark-coloured sedan,

Quoted

"We would like to thank Tonja for being there ... what she did meant a lot to us.... We really believe no one should die alone."

Statement issued by victim's family, referring to Tonja Beach, who comforted the victim before she died.

then hit and dragged Yee several metres. Neither of the vehicles that struck Yee nor the two that narrowly missed her remained at the scene.

She died moments later in the middle of the road while being comforted by area resident Tonja Beach. The Good Samaritan openly questioned Wednesday why no one else attempted to comfort the victim, criticizing many in the vehicles and at a nearby bus terminal for carrying on with their commute.

Yee's family issued a statement to Metro expressing gratitude to Beach.

"We would like to thank

Tonja for being there ... what she did meant a lot to us," it read. "We really believe no one should die alone."

Dr. Mark Durieux, a sociologist teaching at both Mount Royal University and the University of Calgary, said a well-known bystander effect may have come into play for many who witnessed the incident.

"Ironically, it may not be that onlookers lacked empathy for what was going on," he said.

"Instead, they may have quickly judged that there were so many people around that someone else besides them would help. And so, no one did."

Police continued to appeal for witnesses to come forward as well as the driver of the sedan.

As well, charges were laid against a man who turned himself in less than an hour after the collision claiming to be behind the wheel of the Taurus.

Steven Jonathan Vanasse, 24, faces one count of hit-and-run causing death.

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For the first time, Calgary police have put up digital signs near the scene of the collision in the northwest community of Sandstone urging other witnesses to come forward. "It's a major incident and a major investigation," said Sgt. Colin Foster. JEREMY NOLAÏS/METRO

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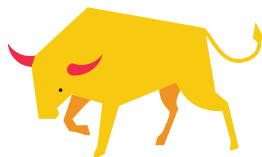
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TAURUS

April 21 – May 21

Get ready to expand your realm of loyalty and devotion, Taurus. Soon, you will be introduced to an experience so wonderful it will be hard to turn away.



GEMINI

May 22 – June 21

Gemini, next week will be lucky if you choose to harness your energy and focus on what's happening around you. Something free might very well change your life.



CANCER

June 22 – July 23

Cancer, you are a master of flexibility and going with the flow – a good thing, because something unexpected is heading your way. All you'll have to do is follow your nose.



LEO

July 24 – August 23

Your constant drive to find the very best in life will be rewarded with something surprisingly free – take pride in your find, Leo.



VIRGO

August 24 – September 23

Don't worry Virgo; your ducks are still in a row next week. However, something may be on its way to shake things up. The best part? It will cost you nothing.



LIBRA

September 24 – October 23

Ever the peaceful Libra, your good karma will come back tenfold next week. Keep your eyes peeled for something you can't quite believe is real. Trust that it will be warm and fulfilling.



SCORPIO

October 24 – November 22

We all know you're good at paying attention Scorpio – and next week will be the time to apply this skill. And don't worry about taxing your resources – this discovery will be free of charge.



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November 23 – December 21

Soon there will be changes to your morning routine – so it's lucky Sagittarians welcome change with open arms. A bonus? It will be rich, smooth and delicious.



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December 22 – January 20

Patience is a virtue, and you have it in spades Capricorn. That's why you won't mind waiting until next week to discover a new favourite thing.



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January 21 – February 19

Your clever curiosity will pique in the next week, as you meet with promises of a new experience. Embrace it in its deliciousness, Aquarius.



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February 20 – March 20

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Abuse? Mechanical failure, human error in bathtub scalding: Report

The latest accidental bathtub scalding of a person with disabilities qualifies as "abuse," according to a recent decision, and the minister responsible says both the province and service providers must do better.

"We've all got to re-double our efforts," said Frank Oberle, associate minister of services for persons with disabilities. "That's just not acceptable."

His comments come in the wake of a decision from the Alberta director of protection for persons in care into an incident at a Medicine Hat group home in November 2012.

A 29-year-old man with cerebral palsy suffered second-degree burns after being lowered into a tub with a faulty hot water system by a worker who failed to test the water temperature, according to the investigation, which also blamed poor communication at the group home.

"Staff knew for months that water in the tub was hot at times and that maintenance had been called a number of times," Edith Baraniecki wrote in her decision. "However, they were never aware that this issue had not been corrected."

Wildrose Human Services critic Jeff Wilson said the "heartbreaking" incident highlights the need for the government to do more inspections of care facilities.

The NDP's Rachel Notley, meanwhile, said the problem is a lack of resources in a structurally starved system.

"Underpaid staff are being asked to do this really important work caring for the most vulnerable Alberta citizens," she said.

A disabled Calgary man died after being scalded in a similar manner in November 2011. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

Dual-credit learning 'a win-win': Faber

Twenty students with Calgary's Catholic school district appeared primed to walk two stages come graduation time next year.

That's thanks to a new partnership with SAIT allowing a group of Grade 11 learners to take pharmacy assistant classes twice a week at the polytechnic all the while finishing up more typical high school classes. When done, the students will not only come away with their diploma, but also a post-secondary certificate.

The model, dubbed commonly as dual-credit learning, is part of Alberta's edu-

cation future if you ask Gary Strother, the Calgary Catholic School District's chief superintendent.

"I know that our education minister is looking at this very carefully and I think us jumping into this now and making it happen is going to help it go faster," he said.

Some of the benefits for students like 16-year-old Anthony Tran include a more seamless entry into the workforce.

"It's a great opportunity to get ahead in life," he said. "When I finish high school, I can go get a good a job."

The Calgary Board of Edu-

cation has also developed a number of dual-credit programs in areas like health care and the energy sector; however, superintendent for learning innovation Cathy Faber said a lack of provincial funding is holding up the launch of those programs.

"We had hoped for a fall (funding) announcement on this and we're still hopeful for a winter announcement," she said. "We believe that dual credits is an essential way to have students recognize future opportunities and to advantage students success ... it's a win-win for everybody." **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**



Gary Strother, chief superintendent for the Calgary Catholic School District, at the launch of a dual-credit program with SAIT. **JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO**

Bottle depots: Not in my backyard, residents say

NIBMYism. While Chabot says city needs more facilities for bottles, neighbourhoods usually don't want them as the homeless tend to frequent the depots



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Bottle depots are no longer the noisy, stinky, annoying neighbours they once were, says a Calgary alderman who wants the city to make it easier for more of the facilities to open up.

"There was, at one point in time, very little oversight on a lot of these depots," Ald. Andre Chabot said. "But that has changed significantly over time."

Alberta's Beverage Container Management Board (BCMB) now enforces rules that are "way more stringent" than in the past, Chabot said, yet there remains a "pretty

Return rate
Annual beverage container returns per capita:
• Calgary: 447
• Edmonton: 489
• Rest of Alberta: 577

significant stigma" associated with the facilities.

There are currently 22 bottle depots in Calgary, said BCMB operations director Jason London, but the provincial body wants to license four more, which would bring the city in line with Edmonton on a per-capita basis.

But London said that's a challenge because many Calgarians won't accept depots in their neighbourhoods, partly due to the fact that homeless people frequent the facilities.

"Often there's pushback," he said. "It's the whole 'not in my backyard' problem we get."



A customer returns boxes of beverage containers to a downtown bottle depot for recycling on Thursday. Calgary should have about 20 per cent more depots, according to the provincial licensing body. **ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO**

Chabot plans to put forward a motion at Monday's city council meeting to look at changing city land-use and planning policies to pave the way for more depots and help boost Calgary's province-trailing bottle-return rate.

Ben Ward, who now ex-

clusively uses a downtown depot, said it's more the quality of service than the number of depots in the city that affects consumer behaviour.

"This one's efficient," Ward said. "There might be a big line up here, but it doesn't take long to go through."

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A new beginning. The Distillery returns, but with different focus



From left, co-owners Sean Close, Mark Russell, Philly Roach and Andy Jay stand on the stage in The Distillery's new Eau Claire location. LISA WILTON/METRO

Philly Roach can't hide his excitement as he talks about the latest incarnation of The Distillery.

But he admits some patrons of the local live music venue might not be as thrilled. "There's never going to be a mosh pit in here," explains the co-owner of the new Eau Claire watering hole.

"We're still going to do live music, but it's going to be more rockabilly, country and rock. Nothing as polarizing as what we had before."

It's been three months since The Distillery was evicted from its 7th Avenue and 5th Street S.W. location after the building's property managers sued the club's landlords, THL Group, for breach of contract.

Calgary's punk, metal and hip hop communities were caught off guard with the closure, and Roach says as much as he would still like to support those scenes he felt

it was time to try something different.

"We love the game and we love the scene, but it's a lot of work," he says.

"We realized we didn't necessarily want to do that anymore. It took us a couple of months before we decided we wanted something smaller and more of a pub."

The location of the new Distillery was also a deciding factor in how the bar would reinvent itself.

Situated amid the pricey condo district on 7th Street and 2nd Avenue S.W., The Distillery and its history as a punk and metal-oriented venue has already caused concern for some Eau Claire residents.

"We had to ease their concerns because that's not what we have planned," he says.

"We don't want to bring down the property value of this neighbourhood."

LISA WILTON/METRO

Ahead of election

Nenshi counters Redford's 'political rhetoric' claim

Mayor Naheed Nenshi says his persistence on a city charter has nothing to do with pre-election "political rhetoric," as Premier Alison Redford suggested.

"That's not what this is

about," Nenshi said Thursday. "This is about getting it right."

Redford told reporters in Edmonton earlier in the day she wasn't worried about Nenshi's recent spat with Municipal Affairs Minister Doug Griffiths, attributing the dispute to political posturing ahead of October's municipal election.

ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

What will become of the athletes' village?

Legacy. 'Mini-city' was a sight to behold during Games, says manager



Passionate athletes, political tensions and, of course, the parties — Calgary's athlete's village had it all.

As athletes poured into the University of Calgary site in the days leading up to the 1988 Olympics, manager Sharlene Murray, tasked with overseeing recreation and entertainment, recalled the daunting task of fitting each and every one for their own cowboy hat.

"We were trying to give them the full experience," she said. "You wanted to make it like a home for everybody ... it was like it's own little mini-city."

The attention to detail was great. Contingents from certain countries could not be housed near each other — the Games occurred in the latter waning days of the Cold War — and some of the top podium contenders had specific requests for accommodation and meals.

The athlete's village didn't come together without sacrifice from thousands of students attending classes at the U of C either — all of them forced to vacate homes in the Kananaskis, Rundle, Castle, Norquay and Brewster buildings in the weeks leading up to the Olympics. Two new halls, Glacier and Olympus, were also constructed specifically for the Games.



Olympus Hall at the University of Calgary was built specifically for the 1988 Games and now houses students attending classes at the institution. It may be torn down as the university works to double up housing capacity. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

But now, 25 years later, it appears a piece of Olympics history could be lost as the U of C is in the early stages of revamping its residences to provide housing for double the number of students at a tentative cost of \$240 million.

If a tentative timeline for the project holds true, the Norquay, Brewster and Castle buildings would be demolished no later than June 2015 and the Glacier and Olympus halls would follow suit by June 2019.

A statement from Voula Cocolakis, the university's executive director of ancillary services, cautioned that the project is still in development and she added that consideration would be given to properly commemorating a time when the Olympics came alive at the university.

Murray, who now lives in Ontario, said she believes a

In the past

Calgary Winter Olympics Day 10 highlights from Feb. 22, 1988:

- Bobsledding duo Greg Haydenluck and Lloyd Guss put on a show for the hometown crowd, placing 10th in the two-man event and netting Canada's best showing in the event in 24 years.
- Skier Karen Percy became the second double-medal

winner in Canadian Olympic alpine history as she placed third in the women's super giant slalom.

- Canada's men's hockey team battled to a 2-2 tie with Sweden to finish tied with them and Finland atop the standings of Group A. All three teams would advance to the next round where Canada would face the daunting Soviet squad.

large piece of public art or a mural would serve the purpose.

"It would illustrate that the Olympics were there — that would be fantastic," she said. "It (the village) was something

that most people were never allowed in to see with all the pageantry and so on ... I wouldn't have given up my time there for the world. It was an amazing experience."

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Redford on the move. Premier jet-setting to D.C. to push for pipelines

Alberta Premier Alison Redford says she is heading to Washington this weekend to lobby for the Keystone XL pipeline and she remains confident it will be approved.

Redford says Albertans have the same environmental concerns as Americans do over the province's oilsands and her government is taking steps to minimize climate change.

The premier is to meet in the U.S. capital with state governors and with Canada's U.S. ambassador Gary Doer.

President Barack Obama's administration is expected to deliver a decision later this spring on Keystone XL, which

'Dirty oil'

- U.S. environmentalists want Keystone to be killed as a message that the United States no longer wants oil from so-called "dirty oil" projects such as the oilsands.

would deliver heavy oil from Alberta to refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast.

Redford's government says it needs projects such as Keystone to open market access and arrest the loss of billions of dollars from its discounted oil. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

No names released

Man dies after collision with cattle liner

RCMP in southern Alberta say the driver of a car was killed when he ran a stop sign and hit a cattle liner.

Police say the car was

dragged for 100 metres by the larger vehicle and burst into flames at an intersection south of Coaldale on Wednesday. The cattle liner was empty.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the collision.

Police are waiting for an autopsy and positive identification.

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LET'S NOT BE SO DIM ABOUT LIGHT POLLUTION



IN DEFENCE OF
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When I was a kid, my dad and I used to get into epic battles about turning the lights off.

Wherever he was in the house, we could hear him counting all the lights he was turning off. To emphasize his point, by the time he got to me, he was always miraculously in the triple digits.

Back then, I didn't understand what the big deal was about leaving a light on here or there. But when I grew up, I realized that not only was it a big deal when it came to cost saving, it was an even bigger deal when it came to the environment.

This spring, the city will be taking on a role similar to my dad's as they attempt to tackle light pollution. A public hearing will look at incorporating new rules in an effort to make

Calgary's skies less bright.

Although it sounds like something made up by the type of people who judge everyone for not being vegan, light pollution is a real thing. And this may surprise you, but time and time again, Calgary is labelled as one of the worst violators.

Or maybe you're not surprised at all. After all, we're often one of the few Canadian cities that see power increase during energy conservation events like Earth Hour, and most green initiatives tend to be met with hostility.

For some — mostly people who comment on message boards — composting, recycling and seemingly anything to do with a bike often comes off as an attack against the oil and gas industry, which has always confused me: Can't

they co-exist? Or how about at least trying to offset the energy industry that Calgarians have all benefited from?

Reducing our light pollution has so many benefits. It's been estimated that by retrofitting current buildings and taking on cost-effective initiatives, city

taxpayers will actually save \$2 million annually in electricity costs.

The cost savings continue for malls and auto dealerships that needlessly light up their giant parking lots.

And while it's romantic and fun to take photos of at night, Calgary's skyline is lit up brighter than a ride at Stampede. Where's the harm in dimming the lights?

So why am I taking time to write about a public hearing that's not going to happen until the spring? Because I know there's going to be opposition, I'm not sure why exactly, but I know there is going to be. So I'm



It's not an attack

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hoping, with enough notice, those interested would take some time to see the research.

And after all, if I can publicly admit that my dad was right about turning the lights off, then you can take a few minutes to Google light pollution. Is it the most important issue facing Calgarians? No. But it might be the easiest one to fix.

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Chic Geek aims to unite girl techies

Startup. Organization will host its first event next week for Calgary women in the IT field



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Two Calgary women are looking to redefine the word geek.

Kylie Toh and Morgan Moe, founders of Chic Geek, were looking for a place to talk about all things techie in an environment with fellow geeky girls.

"I wanted to learn how to program, how to code, and I didn't know where to start," Toh said.

That's when the idea of the Chic Geek — a grassroots initiative to involve more women in Calgary's booming startup community — was born.

"I think it can be a little bit intimidating going into an area that you're not familiar with," Toh said. "It's not that women don't have the skills or the potential — maybe a lot of them don't know about it."



Kylie Toh, left, and Morgan Moe started the Chic Geek to help empower Calgary women in the tech scene. CONTRIBUTED/KYLIE TOH

The group's inaugural event, The IT Factor, is coming up on Feb. 25, and will feature several women speakers who have started up tech-based businesses of their own.

"We just want to celebrate the group of women

who have done really well and hear their success stories and figure out what got them to where they are today."

Toh said she and Moe hope to see the Chic Geek become all about engaging, empowering and educating

women in Calgary, and plan to host how-tos in everything from Photoshop to creating business cards and learning how to construct an app in a day.

The IT Factor begins at 7 p.m. on Feb. 25 at Melrose on 17th Avenue.

Are you a chic geek? Find out more

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Students see red in national donor challenge



Hannah Rumpel donates blood on Thursday with the help of Canadian Blood Services worker Jessica Earl at William Aberhart High School as part of the fourth annual Young Blood for Life challenge. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Local effort. Canadian Blood Services hopes to collect 550 units of blood and 250 new youth donors in Calgary alone

It seems high schools across Calgary are engaged in a blood battle.

But it's not quite as bad as

it sounds — in fact, thousands of lives could be saved thanks to students such as Hannah Rumpel, readily willing to roll up their sleeves.

"I think it's good to help people out," the first-time blood donor said on Thursday. "I hope that people continue doing this."

Rumpel, along with 133 of her peers at William Aberhart High School, donated blood on Thursday — each of their offerings will save an average of

three lives, according to Grade 12 student organizer Dirk Chisholm.

Aberhart's effort came as part of Canadian Blood Services' fourth annual Young Blood for Life challenge. Chisholm said Aberhart's students have reigned as Alberta challenge champions for the past few years and have their eyes on the national crown this time.

"It has a big impact," he said. "It's something everybody can do."

Lisa Castro, a community development co-ordinator with Canadian Blood Services, said the hope is that by getting youth to donate early in their lives they will continue to do their part for decades to come.

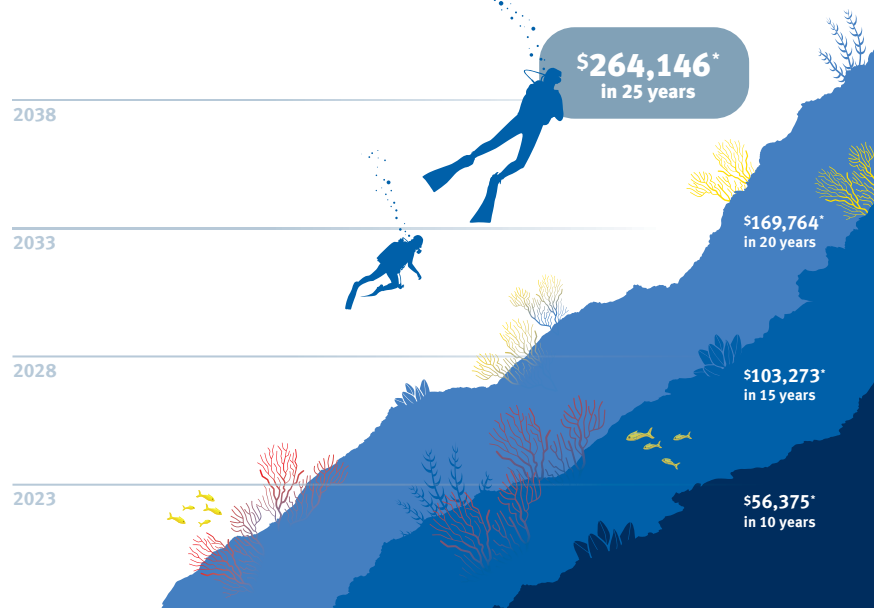
"They're the future of our blood system," she said. "(The competition) is there to get the school and the community building that awareness and then spread it throughout each generation."

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Gas leak. Three injured in Fort Saskatchewan blast

Occupational Health and Safety is investigating after an explosion at a Fort Saskatchewan home injured three men and blew windows and walls off a single-family home.

The Fort Saskatchewan Fire Department responded to an explosion at 140 Alard Way in the South Pointe neighbourhood at approximately 1:15 p.m. on Thursday.

STARS air ambulance transported one of the injured — a 33-year-old man — to the University of Alberta Hospital in critical condition, with life-threatening injuries, spokesperson Cam Heke said.

The condition of the other two men is not known.

Damien Starrett, a framer who works in the area, said the scene after the explosion

was disturbing.

He watched as a stretcher transported one man into an ambulance while a second man with a burned body walked away from the home.

"He was so badly burnt he was yellow," Starrett said. "Everything, his hair, his clothes were blown right the hell off."

Starrett said the man looked like he was in shock and was covered by a blanket.

"His poor skin and everything was just burnt to a crisp. I was surprised he walked away from that," Starrett said.

Late in the afternoon, Fort Saskatchewan officials said the cause of the explosion was a gas leak in the basement of the home.

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Three people were injured after an explosion, caused by a gas leak in the basement, at this Fort Saskatchewan home on Thursday afternoon.

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The Palomino Smokehouse



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This popular breakfast and lunch spot in Renfrew makes a stomach-stretching mac and cheese, which can be hard to finish in one sitting.

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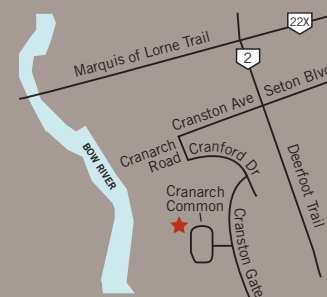
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India. Police search for men accused of raping and killing three sisters

Indian police said Thursday they have launched a manhunt for men suspected of raping and killing three sisters, aged 5 to 11, in the latest case of sexual violence to grip the country.

The sisters' bodies were found in a village well in Maharashtra state on Feb. 14 after they had gone missing from school, police officer Javed Ahmed said. The area is more than 1,000 kilometres south of New Delhi, the capital.

As the victims' mother accused police of a shoddy investigation, enraged villagers forced shops to close, burned tires and blocked a national highway passing through the area for several hours on Wednesday, demanding justice.

New law

A new law enacted by the Indian government has increased the sentences for rape from the existing seven to 10 years to a maximum of 20 years. It also provides for the death penalty in extreme cases of rape that result in death or leave the victim in a coma.

nesday, demanding justice.

One police officer has been suspended for not acting promptly, said Indian Heavy Industries Minister Praful Patel.

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Germany

Catholic hospitals can prescribe pill to rape victims

Roman Catholic-run hospitals can prescribe limited emergency contraception to rape victims, German bishops said Thursday as

they sought to contain fallout from an embarrassing recent case in which two hospitals refused to treat a woman.

The German church was under pressure to clarify its stance after two Catholic hospitals in Cologne turned away a rape victim because of concerns over the pill.

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New detective takes over Pistorius murder case



Investigating officer Hilton Botha sits inside the witness box during the bail hearing for Oscar Pistorius at the magistrate court in Pretoria, South Africa, on Thursday. THEMBA HADEBE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sensational twist.

Prosecutors say timing of murder charges against detective leading investigation 'totally weird'

Ahead of a judge's decision on whether to release Oscar Pistorius on bail, South African police on Thursday appointed a new chief detective in the murder case, replacing a veteran policeman who is himself charged with attempted murder.

The sensational twist in the state's troubled investigation fuelled growing public fascination with the case against the double-amputee Olympian, who is charged with premeditated murder in the shooting death of his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, in the early hours of Valentine's Day.

Much of the drama Thursday, however, happened outside the courtroom as South African police scrambled to get

Discrepancies

- Botha acknowledged Wednesday in court that nothing in Pistorius' version of the fatal shooting of Steenkamp contradicted what police had discovered, even though there have been some discrepancies.
- Botha also said that police had left a 9 mm slug in the toilet and had lost track of allegedly illegal ammunition found in Pistorius' home.

their investigation on track.

The decision to put police Lt. Gen. Vinesh Moonoo in charge came soon after word emerged that the initial chief investigator, Hilton Botha, is facing attempted murder charges, and a day after he offered testimony damaging to the prosecution.

Police say they found out about it after Botha testified in Pistorius' bail hearing Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Man says sorry for false 'starlight tour' tale

Native-police relations. He had accused officers of dumping him in remote location, but GPS and video proved the claim a lie

A young aboriginal man has apologized for falsely accusing two police officers of taking him on a so-called

starlight tour.

Winnipeg police and native leaders hope the apology will help improve the sometimes-bitter relationship between officers on the beat and aboriginal residents in the inner city.

"I'm sorry for jeopardizing the reputation of the Winnipeg Police Service. I want to say sorry to the police officers for putting them in that situation," Evan Maud, 22, said Thurs-

Turning his life around

"I was able to ... graduate school. I'm now doing good things for myself."

Evan Maud, who has trained to become a welder.

day. The public show of remorse was part of a restorative justice program that allowed Maud to avoid trial

on a public-mischief charge.

"I'm also deeply sorry to their families, friends and colleagues for causing them to doubt, mistrust and question the two police officers."

On Dec. 3, 2010, Maud claimed that he had been walking down a street when he was stopped by two officers in a patrol car who accused him of being drunk. He said the officers drove him outside city limits, took his coat and left him

alone in freezing weather.

The tale bore striking similarities to stories of starlight tours in other cities.

Starlight tour is the name used when suspected troublemakers are dropped off far from home rather than police following through with an official arrest.

Maud's story quickly unravelled. Video from Winnipeg Transit showed that he

was on board a bus at the time. And the police cruiser's GPS showed the vehicle wasn't anywhere near city limits.

Maud did not say why he made up the story. His uncle, Joseph Maud, would not elaborate other than to say his nephew had been under the influence of alcohol. "It's between him and the Creator.... He acknowledged today that he is sorry." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Awards season at the zoo

Aurora, a female polar bear, 12, walks in her enclosure at the Toronto Zoo on Thursday. Federal Environment Minister Peter Kent was at the zoo, where he was presented with the Champion of Polar Bears award from Polar Bears International. **CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

London, Ont.

Teens charged in store robbery with samurai sword

Police have laid a total of 14 charges against three suspected young offenders in a robbery that involved a samurai sword.

On Feb. 14 three masked men entered Twice the Deal Pizza in London, Ont., and demanded cash.

Police say one had a samurai sword and another a hunting knife.

The thieves fled with an undisclosed amount of cash.

Three boys, aged 14, 15 and 17, face various charges.

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Upon arrest

OK for police to search phones without a password: Court

The right of police officers to look through someone's phone depends on whether there's a password, Ontario's highest court has ruled.

It's all right for police to have a "cursory" look through a phone upon arrest if it's not password protected, but if it is, investigators should get a search warrant, the Ontario Court of Appeal said. The lawyer for a man convicted of robbery argued police breached his rights by looking through his phone after his arrest.

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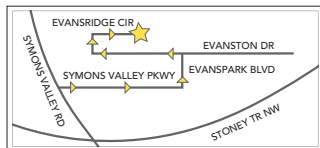


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Massimo Lecas, co-owner of Buonanotte restaurant, poses for a photograph with a menu at the restaurant in Montreal, Wednesday. The Office Québécois de la langue française has warned a Montreal restaurant owner there's too much Italian on the menu of his Italian restaurant. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Scusi! We were too tough on Italian menu: Quebec gov't

French-language laws.

Quebecers joked about how they would never relinquish their right to eat pasta after spat

Incident draws ridicule

"I don't think the future of French will be determined by Italian menus, or Japanese sushi."

Former politician Mario Dumont, criticizing the OQLF for its mistake.

The Quebec government says its language watchdog was a little too aggressive in chasing after an Italian restaurant for excessive use of Italian on its menu.

The provincial minister responsible for language says she realizes the agency went too hard after the Montreal restaurant Buonanotte.

"I recognized that there was an excess of zeal," Diane De

Courcy told reporters Thursday in Quebec City.

Speaking more generally, she said similar mistakes wouldn't be made in the future. She said the Office Québécois de la langue française (OQLF) would be more careful to use a loophole in the application of the language law that offers some leeway for foreign cultural and food products.

"Not that there's ever a 100 per cent guarantee — these are human beings doing these inspections," De Courcy said.

It's an abrupt reversal of roles for the Parti Québécois government — which has spent years, since its days in opposition, urging the Office to apply the law more strictly.

The organization has even received a 6 per cent budget increase this year, to \$24.7 million. The agency recently visited the Montreal eatery after receiving a citizen's complaint, and it agreed that certain words on the menu needed to be switched to French.

Among them: "pasta" and "calamari." They did leave the word "pizza" alone.

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Part 3

The final part of Metro's series on Canadian innovation may include some failed ideas, but could we have a winner when it comes to today's design?

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Why are some cities more innovative than others? Find out from Mayor Naheed Nenshi at metronews.ca/video/naheednenshi



Self-made millionaire Arlene Dickinson was a struggling single mom of four when she turned Venture Communications into one of Canada's largest and most successful communications firms. CHRISTOPHER WAHL/CONTRIBUTED

A DRAGON'S
EYE VIEW

Entrepreneur and TV personality Arlene Dickinson weighs in on Canada's innovation inertia

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The 2008 recession put a damper on **innovation** in Canada, says Arlene Dickinson of Dragons' Den, and while things are now "turning a corner," she believes the country still has a long way to go.

"Other places have been innovating at a **rapid** speed, and we haven't been putting as much time and attention into it," Dickinson told Metro in a recent interview.

"My concern about the state of innovation is that it's lagging behind."

The problem, according to the high-profile investor and businesswoman, is not a lack of **entrepreneurial spirit** in Canada.

Quite the contrary, in fact. "You think about Dragons' Den and the number of entrepreneurs in the country that are coming forward — I think

we are being very entrepreneurial," Dickinson said.

"But that's kind of a new **phenomenon**. That's happened in the last three or four years as we come out of a bad economy, because that's what's going to drive a new economy."

The sticking point for many of these would-be innovators is going from **concept** to **commercialization**.

As an example, she pointed to the "3-D Sawhorse" — an innovative hardware product developed in the garage of 82-year-old Sam Koffski, which Dickinson snapped up on Season 6 of Dragons' Den.

Falling behind

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Venture Communications CEO Arlene Dickinson

The elderly entrepreneur had a great idea on his hands, Dickinson said, but struggled finding the **effective** financing, patents, manufacturing and distribution.

With a little help, though, that soon changed, and the product could hit retail shelves by the spring.

"It's about to go into stores, hopefully across the world," Dickinson said. "Sometimes what great **ideas** need is just somebody to open the doors and also to put the weight behind the idea to make it successful."

On a broader scale, Dickinson said Canada needs to change its **mentality** when it comes to innovation and make it a large part of the national discourse.

"We have to start talking about it more, making it part of the conversation of business in this country," she said. "If we don't, we're going to be in trouble. We're going to be left behind, absolutely."

Canada's closet of colossal failures

With great ideas come great failures, and Canada has had plenty of failures. But that's really no surprise given Canadians' entrepreneurial spirit.

Tom Vilmann is the co-author of Colossal Canadian Failures, a short history of things that seemed like a good idea at the time and an ode to Canada's innovative spirit gone **haywire**. Metro spoke with him about why failure is an important step in the innovative process.

In terms of innovation, where exactly did most of these ideas fail?

A lot of these so-called failures were victims of timing — they were good ideas but out of synch with the times. Some were marketing failures — the consumers just weren't convinced of the **potential**. Others were situations where the inventor was the victim of backers who lost confidence too early or got greedy. And some were just weird. George Kavanaugh's idea to use carrots for rectal treatment (with a recess in the carrot for medication) was really an odd idea from the start. And the idea of a perpetual motion machine made from wood — which, as we all know, creates sparks when two pieces of it are rubbed together and which, as we all know, burns very easily

— was just plain wrong.

What was the best idea that went wrong? Why? And could it have worked if the situation was different?

Well, there are a few contenders, but I think ultimately it has to be the Avro Arrow — a supersonic, all-weather jet fighter that did very well in test flights with pilots.

But like almost every other government project, the **costs** were significantly higher than had been initially estimated (\$1.5 million to \$400 million to \$700 million). The Liberals were in power when the Arrow was built and had to defend the expense. When John Diefenbaker's Conservatives defeated the Liberals in 1957, it took them under two years to cancel the Arrow program.

Were these mostly bad ideas or were they just developed wrong?

Some were bad ideas from the start, but in a lot of other cases, the inventors — or their backers — just lacked the self-confidence or **resources** to follow something through. Two guys from Toronto had a working light bulb before Thomas Edison. They couldn't raise money to develop it so they sold the patent to Edison, who was working on some-

thing similar and just rolled their idea into the mix.

Would you still call these inventors innovators, just because they were willing to try something new and different?

Many of these people were innovators and were **brilliant**. Not all, however. Samuel Hughes was a Conservative minister in charge of getting Canada ready for the First World War. Among his other questionable decisions, he registered a patent in his secretary's name for a new and **improved** shovel and ordered the shovels for his troops. In fact, the soldiers needed shovels to dig the foxholes and trenches that would help protect them in battle. But Hughes' secretary suggested they could use the shovels as shields and put holes in them so the soldiers could shoot from behind them. A shovel with a hole in it just isn't the most effective shovel.

Has Canada learned from these mistakes?

I think Canada has learned a little, but there are still plenty of Canadians who head south to "make it big," and that is a **symptom** of a problem. And some might say Canada doesn't always have the confidence and **boldness**

to support its inventors and innovators.

Can future innovators learn from them?

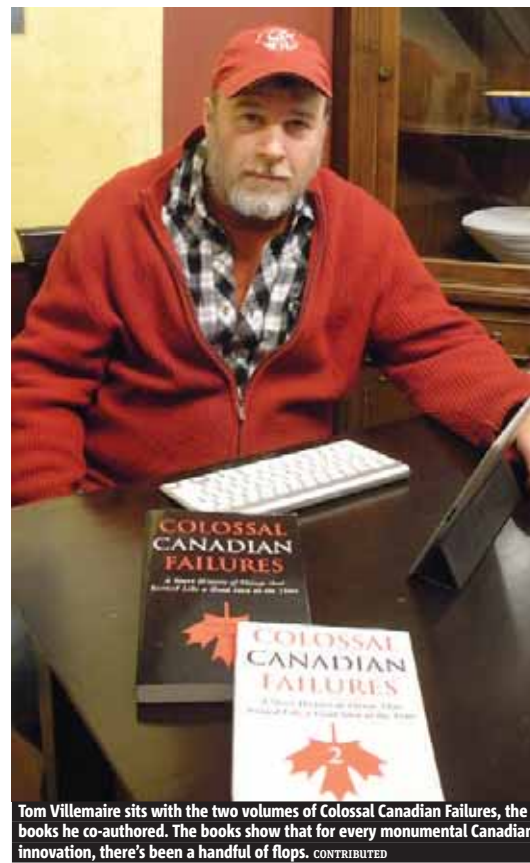
I think future innovators can draw **inspiration** from even the failures. Anyone who wants to try something new is daring to break new ground. That's a scary thing. Failure and doing something new are roommates; they're twins. You can't have one without the other. Even Alexander Graham Bell had failures — like the Cygnet II, a plane he designed with wings created from a wall of kites. At the time, there was nothing that had enough power to get the plane airborne in the first place. But he's not remembered for that; he's remembered for his **successes**.

How do you see Canada in terms of innovative thinking these days?

We have pretty **amazing** technology people in Canada. You look at the BlackBerry and the Canadarm and even the arms industry with the LAV3 or Stryker. **High-tech** means high pay and good jobs, so it's important to keep that kind of thing in the country.

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Tom Vilmann sits with the two volumes of Colossal Canadian Failures, the books he co-authored. The books show that for every monumental Canadian innovation, there's been a handful of flops. CONTRIBUTED

Hotel water tests OK where Canadian found in cistern

Cecil Hotel near skid row. LAPD said the death is 'suspicious'; water tests 'didn't find any live bacteria that would cause illness'

Canadian tourist Elisa Lam had been missing for about two weeks when officials at the historic Cecil Hotel in downtown Los Angeles found her body in a water cistern on the hotel roof.

Guest complaints about low water pressure prompted a maintenance worker to make the gruesome discovery on Tuesday, and officials were trying to determine if the 21-year-old was killed or if her death was just a bizarre accident.

The discovery of Lam's body called into question the safety of the hotel's water. She was found in one of four cisterns that provide guests with water for washing and drinking. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials issued a



These images taken from a security video show a woman believed to be Canadian tourist Elisa Lam on the last day she was seen alive. The still on the left shows her hiding in an elevator in the Cecil Hotel in L.A. on Jan. 31. In the photo on the right, she quickly peeks out the door of the elevator before jumping back inside. Lam's body was found in a cistern on the hotel's roof. LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

do-not-drink order and County health official Angelo Bellomo says chlorine in the water likely killed any bacteria in the tank where Lam's body was found. The lab tests didn't find any live bacteria that would cause illness. Terrance Powell of the L.A. County Department of Public Health said the likelihood of contamination was minimal given the large amount of water the body was found in.

LAPD Sgt. Rudy Lopez called Lam's death suspicious. Before she died, hotel surveillance footage showed her in an elevator pushing buttons and sticking her head out the doors, looking in both directions.

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To get to the tanks, someone would have to go to the top floor then take a staircase with a locked door and alarm preventing roof access. A ladder would have to be taken to the platform and the side of tank would have to be climbed.

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U.S. Laura Bush wants out of pro-gay marriage ad

Former U.S. first lady Laura Bush wants to be removed from a pro-gay marriage group's advertising campaign featuring prominent people speaking on the topic.

The Respect for Marriage Coalition has launched print, television and online ads that also include clips of President Barack Obama, former vice-president Dick Cheney and former secretary of defense Colin Powell talking about same-sex marriage.

Bush spokeswoman Anne MacDonald says Bush "did not approve of her inclusion in this advertisement nor is she associated in any way with the group that made the ad."

The campaign features a clip of Bush saying on CNN, "When couples are committed to each other and love each other, then they ought to have the same sort of rights that everyone has."

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Union fears civil servants will be assaulted over EI overhaul

Employment insurance. Employees have been hand-delivering surprise papers to EI recipients

The union representing federal employees is asking the government to stop sending its workers for unannounced visits to the homes of employment insurance recipients.

The union says it fears for the safety of its employees, given the level of public anger over changes to the EI system.

"We've been hearing from (civil servants) who have gone to houses ... and they've been badly received," Larry Rousseau, a spokesman for the Public Service Alliance of Canada, said Thursday.

He spoke following a report by The Canadian Press that public servants have been making

unannounced visits since January as part of an examination while EI is being overhauled.

During those visits, federal employees have been hand-delivering questionnaires and requests for people to appear at their regular EI interviews.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper defended the house calls when asked Thursday.

"Every year, unfortunately, in our employment insurance system, hundreds of millions of

dollars are identified or are lost through false, fraudulent or inappropriate claims," he said.

About 1,200 beneficiaries will be visited through the end of next month.

From now on, people who frequently claim EI are expected to accept any job for which they're qualified within 100 kilometres of home, as long as the pay is 70 per cent of their previous salary.

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Las Vegas shooting sets off lethal chain reaction

Police rope off the scene of a shooting and multi-car accident on the Las Vegas Strip early Thursday. Authorities say at least one person in a Range Rover shot at people in a Maserati that then crashed into a taxi. The cab burst into flames, and the driver and passenger were killed. The male driver of the Maserati also died, and his passenger was shot. STEVE MARCUS, LAS VEGAS SUN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Edmonton. Murder added to charges after parents' alleged abuse of twin girls

An Edmonton couple charged with starving and abusing their young twins are facing murder charges.

Paramedics were called last May to a home where they found the two-year-old girls suffering from injuries and severe malnourishment.

One of the girls, known in court documents as M, spent the next three months in a coma virtually brain dead.

She died shortly after the Supreme Court of Canada refused to interfere with an

earlier court ruling allowing doctors to remove her from a ventilator.

Her sister and an older brother were placed in foster care.

The parents are to appear in court Friday on the new charges: second-degree murder and criminal negligence causing death.

They still face the original charges of aggravated assault, criminal negligence causing bodily harm and failing to provide the necessities of life.

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California

U.S. faces test of gay-marriage talk

The Obama administration is considering urging the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn California's ban on gay marriage.

The administration faces heightened expectations from gay-rights supporters after President Barack Obama, who only last year came out with his support, has become far more vocal.

His administration has a week to file a brief outlining its opinion on the ban. While it is unlikely to sway the high court, the government's opinion does carry weight with the justices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Winnipeg

Man confesses to abusing Scouts

A former leader with Scouts Canada has pleaded guilty in Winnipeg to several sex charges involving minors.

Stuart Garrett Young, 40, has admitted to sexual assault, sexual exploitation, making child pornography and other offences.


His sentencing hearing is set for April 15.


Young was a longtime volunteer with Scouts Canada and helped run an outdoor program for kids between 14 and 17 years old.


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Tim's plans extra renos in 2013

Tim Hortons hopes a refreshed look for many of its stores and a new leader atop its executive team this summer will boost the brand as it endures an underwhelming economy and heavy competition from other coffee restaurants. The chain plans to renovate about 300 of its franchised stores this year, or roughly double the amount it has most other years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Light-sabre classes teach Star Wars fans to feel the force

San Francisco. Ever wanted to put 'Jedi' on your resumé? This workshop will give you the requisite moves

A group of San Francisco Star Wars fans have created a combat choreography class for Jedi-in-training with their weapon of choice: The light sabre.

At a recent class, Alain Bloch, the self-proclaimed Jedi Master at Golden Gate Knights, demonstrated a slicing technique. He has a background in martial arts and stage combat.

"Always be mindful of the presence!" he said, donning a Luke Skywalker outfit and a green light sabre.

With Star Wars movie music coursing through the dance studio, his disciples clutch their neon-glowing light sabres. These self-proclaimed Star Wars geeks slice and parry as they follow Bloch's lead, and they get a little exercise, too.



Jim Collum, foreground, and other students work on light-sabre skills during a Golden Gate Knights class in San Francisco on Feb. 10. A group of San Francisco Star Wars fans who want to travel to a galaxy not that far away have created a combat choreography class for Jedi-in-training. **JEFF CHIU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

People in a recent class, including a couple on a date, said they embraced their quirkiness and had even converted some of the skeptical into the Jedi order.

"At first they giggle because they think it's a little silly. Then they're like, 'Actually, that's kind of cool,'" said Julio Reyes, a student. Not all Jedi-in-train-

ing are rooting for the good guys. Some came to embrace the dark side of the force.

"I just love Vader, period," said Darth Vader-clad student Gary Ripper. "Just his voice, the way he moved, the power of him. I just liked the powerfulness of him."

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Lego gets sales boost from girly product lineup

Lego's sales soared 25 per cent last year thanks in part to its new series of building blocks designed for girls.

The privately owned company said Thursday that on revenue of about \$4.2 billion, its net profits grew 38 per cent, to about \$1 billion.

The company, based in

western Denmark, said Lego Star Wars and Lego Ninjago remained among its more popular series, but it was a novel rollout for girls, Lego Friends, that sold better than expected — to the extent that production units were unable to keep pace with demand.

In the U.S., Lego Friends

surpassed early projections, with its sales eventually increasing three times more than expected, Lego said.

The new line, which includes mini-figures in pink, a beauty shop and a dream house with a pool, was criticized for reinforcing gender stereotypes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

By the numbers

7.9%

Lego said its share of the total U.S. toy market has quadrupled in five years. As of the end of 2012 it was 7.9 per cent, up 1.6 percentage points from the previous year.



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Not sure about a potential style purchase? This change room at the new Simons store in West Edmonton Mall is designed to help. It has a digital photo studio resembling a giant iPad, which allows customers to take photos of their shopping experience and post the photos to social media feeds to get instant feedback from friends. Figure3, a Toronto interior design firm, won Store of the Year in Chain Store Age's 31st annual design competition for its work on the 115,000-square-foot Simons store. **CONTRIBUTED**

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1 Terrence Ross. The Raptors rookie leapfrogged a ballboy before throwing down a one-handed dunk to cement his NBA All-Star dunk contest title. The best part of the win?

He paid homage to Vince Carter by wearing his retro Raptors Jersey for one dunk, and the ballboy was the son of Twitter CEO Dick Costolo. Ross should have live-tweeted as he was dunking.

2 Seth MacFarlane. The stuffy, formal Oscars night is loosening up, with the no-holds-barred Seth (Family Guy) MacFarlane hosting the 85th Academy Awards this Sunday. The Academy Awards going edgier like the Golden Globes does is a good thing. Because at the end of the day, who really cares about the boring acceptance speeches?

3 Harlem Shake. The new Gangnam Style, this Internet dance phenomenon is based on an electronic dance track by DJ Baauer. Thousands of YouTube videos are being uploaded every day of people doing it, from sports teams to office workers. And unlike Gangnam, you don't have to be a great dancer. Which means I'll be all over this meme soon.

4 Pancake Manor. This Canadian YouTube music video series for kids by Billy Reid has garnered more than nine million views. Featuring puppets that educate with high energy music and humour, it's great for entertaining and tiring your preschoolers out — and giving parents a break. Go to pancakemanor.com to discover this brave new kids world.

5 Danica Patrick. In a historic sports achievement, Patrick became the first woman to win the pole position for the Daytona 500 — the Super Bowl of NASCAR. She beat the boys by posting a lap of 196.434 m.p.h., and starts alongside Jeff Gordon in the Feb. 24 race. Two words for Patrick: girl power!

6 Roll Up The Rim. Tim Hortons' latest Roll Up The Rim promotion has begun. It has become so well known that it now makes headlines each time it starts up. And it's upped the ante for this, their 27th annual event, by including 100 pre-paid MasterCards loaded with \$5,000 each among the prizes. With my luck, I'll just settle for a double double.

7 Roberto Luongo. The Vancouver Canucks goalie may have the funniest, most self-deprecating Twitter account in sports @strombone1. He takes you inside the hockey world, poking fun at himself and others who take sport so seriously. A recent tweet said "Almost had him....." with a picture of Luongo giving up a goal he wasn't close to saving. LOL.

8 Twitter Hacker Club. A hamburger hacked @burgerking's Twitter account Monday, changing the account to McDonald's profile pic. Then Tuesday, someone (reportedly the Whopper hacker) carhacked @jeep's account, saying it had been sold to Cadillac. This was quite a lesson in password security for both companies, but they did pick up plenty of new followers with the attention.

9 The Junos. The music machine that is Canadian pop star Carly Rae Jepsen picked up more award nominations this week, this time five to lead the pack for the 2013 Juno Awards, which take place in Regina on April 21. Heck, she got more than the boy who discovered her and launched her career with a tweet, the Bieber. The whole world has her number now.

10 Big Brother Canada. From a small-town elementary teacher in Nova Scotia to a T.O. socialite to a Calgary firefighter who likes to party, the first season of Big Brother Canada has all the makings of great Canadian reality TV — and evictions. The show debuts Feb. 27 on Slice. I know I'll be tuning in to check out the hijinks.

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Terrence Ross jumps over a ball kid for his winning dunk. ERIC GAY/POOL/GETTY IMAGES

Putting their backs into it



Mexican carpooling

Daily commute inspires art project

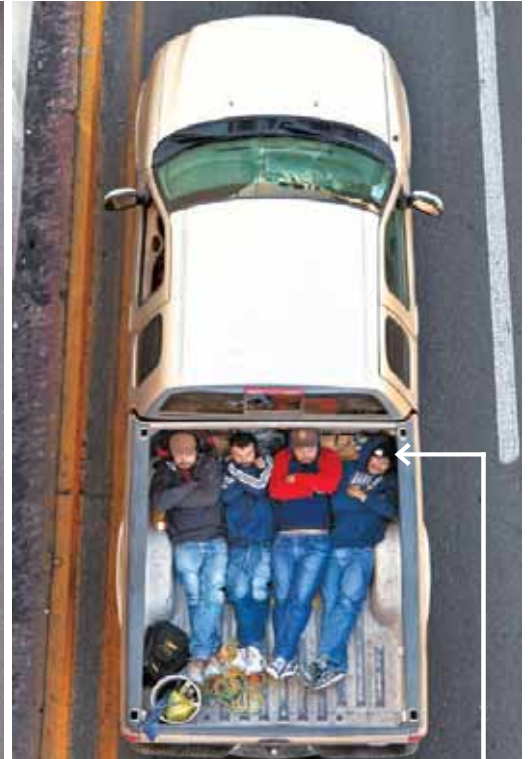
For most of us, riding on the back of a pickup truck would be a once-off trip, but for construction workers in Monterrey, Mexico, it's part of a daily commute. This bird's eye view of labourers is the theme of photographer Alejandro Cartagena's project Car Poolers, exhibited at Los Angeles' Kopeikin Gallery from Feb. 23 to April 6.

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Q&A with photographer

'Simple, honest, life'

How did this photo project come about?
In the summer of 2011, I started going once or twice a week to the same spot — an overpass on Monterrey's Highway 85 going southbound to San Pedro Garza Garcia — to photograph these workers on their way to work. I would stay for two hours and get



ALEJANDRO CARTAGENA/KOPEIKIN GALLERY

just a couple of images I liked; the speed of the trucks made it difficult to get clear shots. After a year, I've arrived with around 120 good images.

How has the reaction to your photos been?
Some people in Mexico have found them humorous, others provocative, but most are very intrigued at the choice of viewpoint to portray the issue...

What issue is that?
The social and economic

kind. If these guys would go on the bus route, it would be too expensive for them, since there are no proper mass low-cost transportation systems. I hope one can reflect on how people's resilience helps them maintain hope of a better life in a country filled with social, political and violent issues.

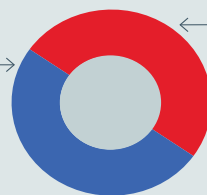
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Dwayne Johnson offers to hunt down a few criminals in exchange for less jail time for his son in *Snitch*. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD
CROUSE AND
MARK BRESLIN



The Rock cooks a stinker

Snitch. It's dealers vs. Dwayne Johnson in this movie, with a heavy handed look at America's War on Drugs policy

Richard: Mark, *Snitch* isn't a bad movie, but it is a miscast one. As charismatic as The Rock... er ... Johnson is, his physicality gets in the way. The character is a determined regular Joe willing to go to any lengths to help his son. But how much more effective would it have been if he didn't resemble a cop who could crash the drug dealers he's working with between his muscular thumb and forefinger?

Mark: I wouldn't say it was miscast, but that it was too obviously cast. Your idea of casting against type, as an

everyman rather than an action hero, is a tantalizing one. I'm imagining how much more interesting a movie it would be with, say, Ryan Gosling, or even Paul Giamatti. The real question, however, is: when Susan Sarandon and Barry Pepper are support characters in a Dwayne Johnson movie, is this one of the signs of the apocalypse?

RC: Ha! I thought Pepper was OK but you could almost see Sarandon reaching for the paycheck. She has seven movies coming out this year and seems to have wedged this one in as she ran from set to set. Perhaps the movie's message that the "War on Drugs" needs to find a new plan of attack appealed to her, but she's playing this one as a character straight out of Central Casting. What did you think of Jon Bernthal as the ex-con who gives The Rock a hand. Loved him on *The Walking*

Dead and thought he was one of the best things about this movie, even if the conclusion to his story was far fetched.

MB: Well, he was the only one in the movie who brought an element of surprise to his scenes. As far as the story goes, I liked the premise, but I thought the storytelling was kind of sloppy and sometimes it felt like scenes were missing. The violence was restrained for this kind of movie, and I'm not sure if that's a good or a bad thing. And the villains barely registered. They were mostly nasty in theory.

RC: I found the lack of violence refreshing. Given the name, the star and the idea you might have expected this to be a shoot 'em up, and it isn't. It's a father and son story with a twist.

MB: Finally! A drug movie for the whole family!

Synopsis

Dwayne Johnson is John Matthews, owner of a construction company and estranged father to Jason (Rafi Gavron). Jason falls into a Kafka-esque legal loophole when his drug-dealing best friend implicates him as a trafficker in return for a break on jail time. Under America's strict "War on Drugs" laws Jason is facing a mandatory 10-year sentence unless he gives up the name of a co-conspirator, but because he's innocent he has no one to snitch on. John gets the action underway when he says to the U.S. Attorney (Susan Sarandon), "What if I do it for him? What if I help you make arrests?" Cue the cage match between The Rock and drug dealers.

• Richard: ●●●●●

• Mark: ●●●●●

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Dark Skies

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Stars. Keri Russell,
Josh Hamilton

Freaky happenings abound in *Dark Skies* — a supernatural thriller about a young family that suddenly begins experiencing such disturbing events as unexplained nose bleeds and 800 birds inexplicably flying into their house. But the teeth really begin gnashing when the Barrett clan suspects the work of aliens. A loose ending may put off conventional moviegoers but filmmaker Scott Stewart crafts a pretty creepy story — even if it jumps a bit of logic.

STEVE GOW

Ewan McGregor talks about being the number one super guy

Jack the Giant Slayer. Star takes on the role of a well-intentioned knight who needs a little help from his sidekick Jack

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Ewan McGregor gets his daring-do on for director Bryan Singer in *Jack the Giant Slayer*, playing a knight who's forthright and heroic — to a fault — as he and Jack (Nicholas Hoult) try to rescue a princess from the aforementioned giants. But McGregor's inspiration for the character may surprise you.

You look fantastic in this movie. It seems like you haven't aged in the last 10 years. What gives?

(Laughs) I don't have a secret to that, I'm afraid.

Ewan McGregor, right, loves the humour of his character in *Jack the Giant Slayer*. HANDOUT

When you're presented with a forthright knight type of character, how do you approach that?

I don't know, it's a pretty

understandable character. It's a sort of classic role. It's not something new, really. I just played what was on the page, really. It's very well and

clearly written in the script. And I liked the humour. I thought the humour that was in the writing was very good. I like the fact that he's

sort of very gung-ho but very often doesn't quite get things right, and then Jack has to come along behind him and tidy things up. Sort of like a Hong Kong Phooey type style. That cartoon was one of my main sources of research, Hong Kong Phooey.

The film very carefully walks that line of appealing to both kids and adults.

I think that's right. It lies in exactly the right place for a film that's being made for a family to watch. Very often these days you take your kids to films and there's inappropriate language or sexual jokes that are very clearly aimed for the parents. You don't want your kids seeing that, or at least I don't. But this is absolutely something that you could take your family to see and you wouldn't find yourself in any awkward moments with your kids, you know? It's a classic sort of family movie.

Film about hunt for bin Laden isn't getting any Pakistani praise

Zero Dark Thirty.

People in the Islamic republic are taking issue with the factual inaccuracies and portrayal of their land

Pakistan stars in *Zero Dark Thirty*, from early scenes at a detention site to the dramatic closing minutes as Navy SEALs assault the hideout of Osama bin Laden. But the Academy Award-nominated film about the hunt for the al-Qaida leader has sparked a controversy in Islamabad about its portrayal of the country, and it will likely not be shown on the local big screen anytime soon.

Partly, the film taps into national discomfort that bin Laden was found to be living for years near Pakistan's equivalent of West Point, and anger over the U.S. decision to enter its airspace and raid the compound without giving advance notice. Doubts about whether bin Laden was really hiding out for years in the city of Abbottabad are



Zero Dark Thirty is the story of the hunt for bin Laden told through the perspective of a female CIA analyst. HANDOUT

also common across Pakistan, a country where conspiracy theories often have more weight than fact.

But Pakistanis who have seen the film on DVD or Internet downloads are also making much of what they say are factual errors.

Nadeem F. Paracha, a columnist for the English language newspaper Dawn and a cultural critic in Pakistan, noted that in some scenes characters speak Arabic, whereas Pakistanis in

fact speak Urdu or Pashto or one of the tens of other languages found in the country.

In other scenes protesters get right up to the U.S. Embassy gates, when in reality the embassy is situated in an enclosed diplomatic enclave that demonstrators can't access. Some scenes that were supposed to show the frontier city of Peshawar looked more like 19th century Delhi in India.

"How can you make a Hollywood blockbuster, put in so

much money and get simple things wrong?" Paracha asked. "Instead of the film being taken seriously, it became a joke among Pakistanis."

The movie traces the arc of the CIA's decade-long hunt for bin Laden through the eyes of a young female analyst, who spends most of her time ostensibly in Pakistan. Screenwriter Mark Boal visited Pakistan to do research, but the movie scenes were not shot there.

Pakistan has only a few mov-

The dangers of Dark

Jamshed Zafar, one of the leading importers and distributors of foreign films in Pakistan, said he decided after discussions with friends that it wasn't worth importing *Zero Dark Thirty*. "If you get into such controversy, you not only lose money but your reputation is also at stake," he said. Any distributor or movie house that showed the movie might also be courting trouble with the public. Last year during demonstrations against an anti-Islam film, crowds of right-wing Islamic hardliners burned some movie houses.

ie theatres that show English-language films, and none so far has aired *Zero Dark Thirty*. All films shown at cinemas must be approved by a board of censors, and the head of the censor board, Dr. Raja Mustafa Hyder, said no distributor has applied for permission to show the film.

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Actor J.K. Simmons on his foray into horror films with his role in the new film *Dark Skies*

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Oscar night. Canadians in the running at this year's Academy Awards



Montreal's Kim Nguyen is nominated in the best foreign language film category for *Rebelle*. HANDOUT

Kim Nguyen of Montreal is nominated in the best foreign-language film category for *Rebelle* (War Witch). The French-language drama is a harrowing look at the lives of child soldiers in Sub-Saharan Africa. Nguyen penned the story over the course of a decade and shot it in Congo with a cast that included several local first-time actors.

Toronto composer Mychael Danna is up for best original score and best original song for *Life of Pi*. Danna spent nearly a year working on the score for the film, based on the Booker-winning novel by Yann Martel. Danna had previously collaborated with *Pi* director Ang Lee on 1997's *The Ice Storm* and 1999's *Ride with the Devil*.

Yan England of Montreal is nominated for best live-action short for *Henry*, about an elderly pianist. England has said it's a tribute to his late grandfather, who suffered from Alzheimer's disease. The filmmaker has been acting in English and French since he was eight and financed *Henry* out of his own pocket.

Toronto-bred producer Mino Jarjoura is up for best live-action short for *Asad*, about a Somali boy torn between life as a budding fisherman and the temptation to become a pirate. Jarjoura says he and director Bryan Buckley wanted to capture the indomitable spirit of Somali people, which they discovered while making a short documentary for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in 2010.

Montreal-based producer Ariel Nasr is up for best live-action short film for *Buzhkashi Boys*, about two Afghan boys who long to professionally play the country's brutal horse-polo sport. It was shot in Kabul in February 2011 and produced through the non-profit Afghan Film Project.

Jim Erickson of Salt Spring Island, B.C., is in the running for best production design for *Lincoln*. He was previously nominated for *There Will Be Blood*. After 30 years working in Hollywood, Erickson has said he's now ready to retire.

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Rating the hosts

The choice of Family Guy creator Seth MacFarlane may seem like yet another attempt by the older-skewing Oscars to appeal to the kids, but he actually has a surprising tendency toward Old Hollywood style. At parties thrown at his house, MacFarlane is even known to sing standards backed by a big band. While the jury's still out on MacFarlane's performance, we thought we'd see what he has to measure up to from the last few years' Awards.

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2009: Hugh Jackman

The Australian charmer — who happens to be a nominee for best actor this year — turned in the hosting performance to beat the year *Slumdog Millionaire* won. His opening song-and-dance number was the standout, but Broadway veteran Jackman proved he's an all-around talent.

2010: Alec Baldwin and Steve Martin

The likeable comic actors relied heavily on their own charm, but it wasn't enough to save the show. With stale jokes and awkward delivery, their performance felt too much like an ad for their equally disappointing 2009 film *It's Complicated*.



2011: James Franco and Anne Hathaway

As we remarked during this train wreck, "Apparently there is something James Franco can't do." This brazen attempt at pulling in younger viewers turned out to be a disaster, with current nominee Hathaway seemingly abandoned by Franco, who seemed to have — wisely — given up on the endeavor before it began.



2012: Billy Crystal

After the Franco/Hathaway disaster, the Academy went back to standby Crystal, who hosted his ninth Oscars. But the funnyman's schtick maybe went too old-fashioned, as his bits were generally panned as hokey and out of touch. Case in point: while many in that precious younger demographic might not necessarily know Crystal was dressing up as Sammy Davis Jr. in one bit, they do know what blackface is.

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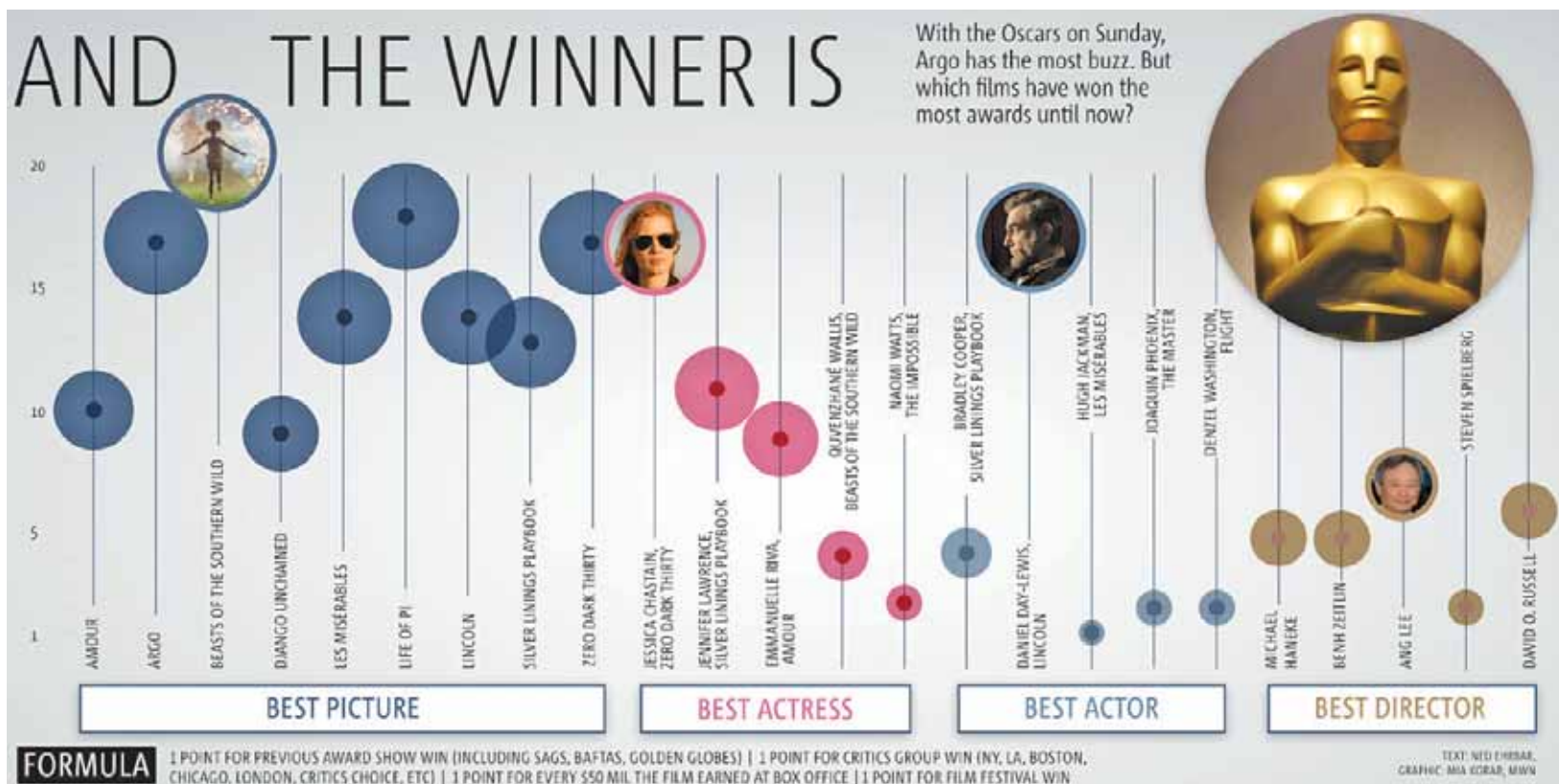


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With odds of four to one, Steven Spielberg's *Lincoln* is still the favourite to win the big prize of best pic-

ture at the Academy Awards Sunday, according to Gold Derby, which tracks the chances for Oscar nominees.

That's despite the surge of support — and wins at other awards shows — for Ben Affleck's *Argo*, which started when Affleck was left out of the best director race, which Spielberg is also most likely to take, with 12 to five odds.

In the acting categories, it's no surprise to anyone

that *Lincoln* star Daniel Day-Lewis is most likely on his way to becoming the first three-time best actor winner in Oscar History, with a 39 per cent chance of victory.

The only nominee with better odds of scoring a trophy is Anne Hathaway, nominated for best supporting actress for *Les Misérables*.

The best actress race is much more interesting, with *Silver Linings Play-*

book star Jennifer Lawrence (33 per cent) edging out *Zero Dark Thirty*'s Jessica Chastain (30 per cent). *Amour* star Emmanuelle Riva, thought to be something of a potential spoiler, currently has 12 to one odds of winning. Just for comparison, our predictions when the nominations were announced last month had *Lincoln*, Spielberg, Day-Lewis and Chastain winning. We'll see how right we are come Sunday evening.



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Bryan Cranston GETTY IMAGES

Bryan Cranston on the joys of awards season

If you see *Breaking Bad* and *Argo* star Bryan Cranston at Sunday's Academy Awards, know that he's not there of his own volition.

"First of all, I wouldn't go. If I'm not nominated, why am I there?" he tells Metro. "They want me to go the Oscars. I'm not nominated, but *Argo* is, and it's like, 'Go, go, go!' My wife's saying, 'You've got to go!

We've got to go!' And it's like, 'Really? I don't know. Another tuxedo?' From the outside in, you're like, 'Wow! Look at that!' But when you're there, I'm telling you ... I've got to be careful how I phrase this because I don't want to sound like I'm not grateful. I'm grateful for the opportunities."

It's not sitting through the shows themselves that bug

Cranston so much as working the red carpets.

"I hate red carpet interviews, because you get as deep into a conversation as you would in a loud bar," he says "It's awful, it's awful. The publicists, they tell me it's important and you should do it, but any time I go, I ask, 'Can I avoid the red carpet?'"

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Best picture nominees vs. box office success

It's no secret in Hollywood that awards season accolades and box office success don't always go hand in hand — though a high-profile nomination or win will generally boost a film's gross.

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Life of Pi. HANDOUT

So how do the nine best picture nominees rank as far as their global ticket sales?

1. *Life of Pi*: \$576 million
2. *Les Misérables*: \$378.9 million
3. *Django Unchained*: \$365.9 million
4. *Lincoln*: \$235 million
5. *Argo*: \$204 million
6. *Silver Linings Playbook*: \$140 million
7. *Zero Dark Thirty*: \$101.5 million
8. *Amour*: \$17 million
9. *Beasts of the Southern Wild*: \$12 million



The Avengers. HANDOUT

On the flip side, we take a look at how the highest grossing films of 2012 stack up when it comes to Oscar nominations:

1. *The Avengers* (\$1.5 billion) — 1 nomination
2. *Skyfall* (\$1.1 billion) — 5 nominations
3. *The Dark Knight Rises* (\$1.08 billion) 0 nominations
4. *The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey* (\$959.8 million) — 3 nominations
5. *Ice Age: Continental Drift* (\$875.3 million) — 0 nominations

Will you be watching?

The 85th Academy Awards are on CTV Sunday and those with a stake in office pools will no doubt be glued to their sets. Hosted by Seth MacFarlane, the awards show kicks off at 8:30 p.m. ET. Both CTV and E! will have coverage of the stars walking the red carpet in their finery as they arrive at the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood.

TV Picks



Precious, playing on OWN on Saturday, was nominated for six Oscars. No word on whether The Fannies took notice. HANDOUT

Who will win best man bum?

This is definitely not the Oscars. If you're yearning to learn who will win the Best Dramatic Performance by a Robot prize, tune into The Fannies on Friday. This is the third year for the awards, hosted by Fred at Night host Fred Kennedy. Categories include Best Man Bum, Best Use of Cleavage, Best Use of Swords and the John Stamos Lifetime Achievement Award in the Category of Hair. The Fannies are being broadcast during Fred at Night. (Teletoon)

Kissing cousins and fugitive moms

In Shocking Family Secrets, viewers can learn how far people will go to keep the truth hidden on Friday. From kidnapped children reared in hiding to married cousins and fugitive moms, the series unravels deeply buried true stories and looks at why and how they got started. (OWN)

That's Precious

You can hunker down in front of the tube with a bowl of popcorn and a

slew of movies Saturday. Precious is based on the novel Push by Sapphire. It received six Oscar nominations, including one for best picture. Geoffrey Fletcher won for best adapted screenplay and Mo'Nique won the award for best supporting actress. (OWN)

Brangelina-thon

Brangelina are all over the airwaves Saturday. Brad Pitt stars in Quentin Tarantino's Second World War film Inglourious Basterds on WPCW while Angelina Jolie gets triple billing on Showcase. The Tourist with Johnny Depp is on in the afternoon followed by Mr. & Mrs. Smith (including Pitt) and Then WANTED with Morgan Freeman.

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Arrested Development Wiigs out

Top comedy talent

The new season premieres on Netflix in May and will also guest star Seth Rogen, John Slattery, Ben Schwartz, Chris Diamantopoulos, Conan O'Brien, Isla Fisher and Terry Crews.

As we anxiously count down days until the new season of Arrested Development is released on Netflix, a new tidbit of information came out today that made us even more impatient.

It turns out Kristen Wiig will guest star in the new episodes of Arrested Development.

Even better, Wiig will play a young Lucille Bluth. We can't imagine a better actress to play the nutty, vod-

ka-drinking, cold matriarch than Wiig. Maybe we'll see Wiig's young Lucille oddly

intimate relationship with her son Buster. Does young Lucille also roll her eyes at Gob's magic, err, illusions? Will young Lucille also harass daughter Lindsay about her weight?

Vulture, who first reported the news, says that Wiig and Jason Bateman, who plays Michael Bluth on the show, are presumably friends after having co-starred in the comedies Extract and Paul.

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Rick Roberts, left, as Jack Layton and Sook-Yin Lee as Olivia Chow on the set of *Smilin' Jack: The Jack Layton Story* in Winnipeg in 2012. SHANE GIBSON/METRO WINNIPEG

Layton bio more than just politics as usual

Love story. Personal life of Jack and Olivia revisited in new made-for-TV movie



SHANE GIBSON
Metro in Winnipeg

Jack Layton's story is one Laszlo Barna said he knew needed to be told as he watched the nation mourn his death.

The executive producer of *Smilin' Jack: The Jack Layton Story*, which was shot in Winnipeg in 2012, said the tale transcends politics.

"Some people think this is a partisan film, but when you bury someone, it's time to put those labels aside," he told Metro on set, noting Layton's great grandfather was a Father of Confederation, and his father sat as a Tory MP.

"It's a story of this kid

who came originally from a political family — not NDPers — but a political family.

"This film is about a great Canadian."

Layton died in August, 2011 at the age of 61 after a battle with cancer. His death came just a few months after he led his NDP through a spring election, capturing a party-record 103 seats and becoming Canada's official Opposition.

While the film will follow much of the campaign and his political career, Barna said it would also delve into Layton's personal life, including his marriage to fellow NDP MP Olivia Chow.

"It's a love story ... about when he met Olivia, and how they got along together," he said, noting Chow lived with her mother throughout their marriage, which makes for some of the film's more comical moments. "Not a lot of marriages survive that."

The role of Layton is played by Rick Roberts and Chow is portrayed by broadcaster Sook-Yin Lee. Both actors are spending upwards of two hours in the make-up chair during the shoot to make sure they look just like the couple.

"I age through three decades being Olivia Chow," said Lee. "It helps me get

Show time

Smilin' Jack: The Jack Layton Story airs on CBC Sunday, March 10 at 8 p.m.

into character, because when I look in the mirror and see the transformation, I'm no longer physically me."

The role is an important one for Lee, whose own sister was diagnosed with cancer a little over a year ago.

"Living with cancer is an extremely painful and distressing experience," she said. "It's something that was very close to me."

Barna hopes the final cut of the movie will inspire the next Jack Layton.

In memory

"I want people to remember (Jack) and the example he set as someone who served the community. We need a young generation of people to get involved and engaged ... like Jack did."

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Lonerism for the masses

Tame Impala. Band sings about sensations where it Feels Like We Only Go Backwards, but this band seems to only be going forward

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In print, a psychedelic band from Western Australia who call their latest album *Lonerism* doesn't seem like the most likely candidates to be the biggest sensation in indie rock. But Tame Impala are selling out most of the shows on the tour they are about to begin, which is their biggest trek through the U.S. to date.

"Whenever there's music where the lyrics are wearing your heart on your sleeve and talking about things that you don't really talk to anybody about — which is really just kind of music in general — but whenever you're doing it on-stage, you just have that feeling that you're connecting with other people in the world that feel the same way," says singer



Kevin Parker, second from left, says the band's new album *Lonerism* is all about trying to interact with people. MATT SAVILLE

and songwriter Kevin Parker.

The music on *Lonerism* ranges from heavy to melodic to focused to spacey. Sometimes it is all of those things in one song. What makes the album so exciting is that no structure is safe from being seriously messed with. The songs are all prone to either sudden unexpected explorations or sudden endings. A vicious lead guitar might step forward in the mix into what a listener might think would be a searing solo, only to have the song end two seconds later. On the song

Keep On Lying, a trippy organ and guitar interlude gives way to a party conversation that makes the listener feel like an observer who wants — but just isn't able — to participate.

"I love the sound of something that makes you feel like you're on drugs," admits Parker when asked if he approves of the "stoner rock" title that his band is often tagged with.

But the song titles on "*Lonerism*" speak volumes for those who don't speak much: Music to Walk Home By, Why Won't They Talk To Me? and

Feels Like We Only Go Backwards are just a few.

"It's really an album about other people, or at least trying to interact with people," says Parker. "I think the whole loner thing about the album is that overall the character realizes that he's destined to be alone, from all of these interactions."

PS 22, I love you

Parker says he has been surprised by how people have taken to Tame Impala though, in particular a group

of school children from Staten Island whose moving re-interpretation of Feels Like We Only Go Backwards has racked up thousands of views online.

"It was pretty surreal," says Parker of watching the PS 22 Chorus perform one of his songs. "It didn't even feel like it was my song. It felt like the people doing the song, that whole thing that I was watching on the computer screen was bigger than the song, like I was covering their song. ... Kids can extract that pop element to

it. It's not that only kids can do it, but it's that it can be taken out of it and you can leave behind the totally blown-out distorted drums and you can just make a nice little sing-along out of it that's really uplifting."

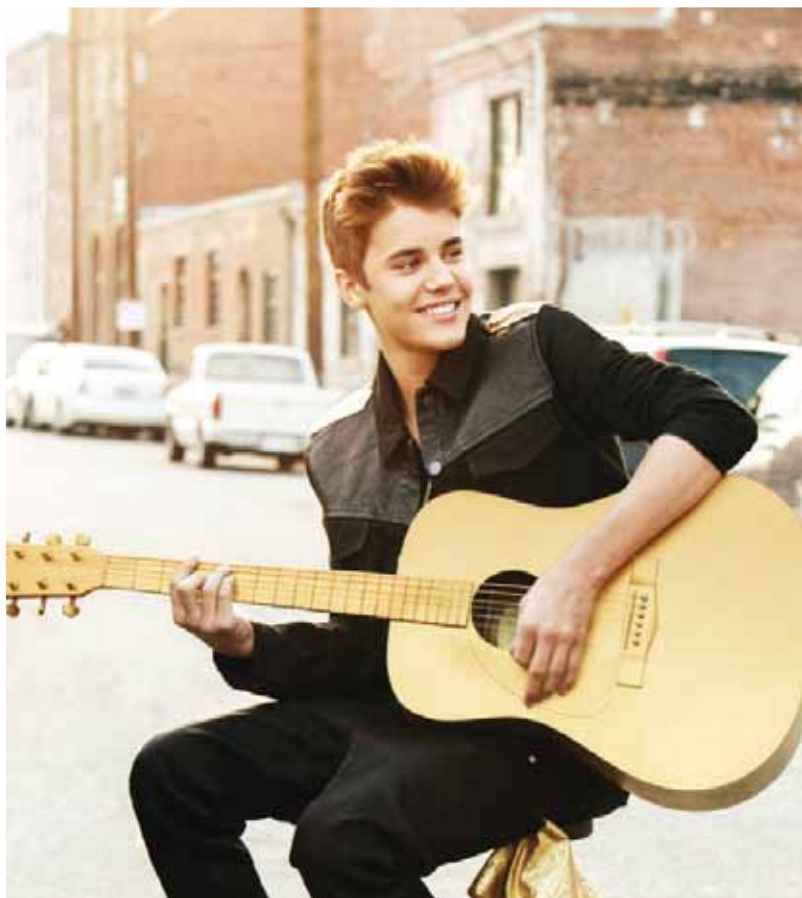
Broken mirrors

Tame Impala's summer single, Elephant, features one of the most badass lines in recent memory. In the song, about an overconfident, but ultimately insecure man, Parker sings, "He broke the mirrors off his Cadillac, cuz he doesn't like it looking like he looks back."

Parker says that the line was on special reserve for a while.

"I don't actually remember how I thought of it," he says.

"All I know is that I was driving home from the beach. I know where I was and it was long before I started writing lyrics for that song. I didn't have a notebook, but I just remembered that rhyme. I didn't even think it was going to fit. I had no idea how it was going to fit into a song. I then sort of sang it and put it into a sentence and it really seemed to fit well. It was one of those cosmic miracles with lyrics that don't happen very often for me."



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3 Songs for the weekend

Two of these three videos fall firmly into the WTF category. I'm sure you'll be able to figure it out.



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Taking It Back/ Phone Joan

I first met this band at a music festival in Oslo three years ago and was very impressed. I'm even more impressed today.

Hit You/ Alie Layus

The Playboy Playmate and some of her friends have some interesting encounters with food. I hope they had access to good shampoo.



Quack Like a Duck/ G.O.A.T. and Your M.O.M.

This is a real band from Texas that will go down in history for this one song. Just beware the NSFW-ness of the audio and video.

Lady Gaga thanks her little monsters for their support

Cancelled tour. Born This Way singer says post surgery that her fans gave her strength

Lady Gaga says she's had surgery to fix her hip.

The 26-year-old singer posted on her blog late Wednesday that she had hip surgery and it "happened so fast." She cancelled her Born This Way Ball tour last week.

She thanked her fans in the post, saying they gave her "a lot of strength." Lady Gaga said that as she was wheeled to surgery, she reflected on her fans. She wrote: "Sometimes you are so brave that it terrifies me. I wonder how it's even possible."

Lady Gaga cancelled more than 20 dates on the remainder of her tour, which began last April. She originally postponed four dates last week after experiencing difficulties during her concert in Montreal. She explained to fans on Twitter that she'd hurt herself while performing some time ago.

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Lady Gaga appreciates her fans. GETTY IMAGES



Rihanna and Chris Brown

They found love in a hopeless place?

So much for those breakup rumours. Rihanna is celebrating her 25th birthday this week by escaping to Hawaii with Chris Brown by her side. The birthday girl posted a photo to Instagram of her smiling self perched on Brown's lap in the back of a limo.

They were also spotted seaside in Honolulu, according to E! News. "Chris was leading Rihanna by the hand," a source says of their brief beach walk. "She was puffing on something as she walked and seemed

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"She looked totally free and like she was really enjoying her birthday."

Rihanna was glowing, a source says

very relaxed and happy. Her hair was blowing and she twirled around. She looked totally free and like she was really enjoying her birthday. Chris was protective and made sure to hold her hand as they walked."

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The Word

Diane Lane and Josh Brolin to divorce



THE WORD

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After eight years of marriage, Diane Lane and Josh Brolin are over.

A representative for the couple released this curt announcement to Us Weekly: "Diane Lane and Josh Brolin have decided to end their marriage. It was a mutual decision. It is very amicable. It's not ugly, it's just over."

The couple have no children.

What was it, Diane? Was it when he was arrested on a misdemeanor charge of



domestic battery in 2004? Or the two public intoxication charges, one in 2008 and the latest on New Year's Day in Santa Monica? Did you just have enough of the Brolin drunk charm?

And if Brolin's rage issues were that bad when you were "happily married," what in the world will happen when he's drowning his sorrows over the split? If I were the owner of his nearby dive bar, I'd lock my doors.



Shia LaBeouf ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

The LaBeouf rebuff

Shia LaBeouf has exited what would have been his Broadway debut — in a revival of Orphans alongside Alec Baldwin — less than a month before previews were to begin, but there's been plenty of drama since he quit.

LaBeouf, who is rather new to Twitter, decided to use the social-networking site to publish emails between himself, Baldwin, director Daniel Sullivan and co-star Tom Sturridge

that all suggest some sort of squabble between LaBeouf and Baldwin that precipitated his exit. "I'm too old for disagreeable situations," Sullivan writes in an email to LaBeouf.

"You're one hell of a great actor. Alec is who he is. You are who you are. You two are incompatible. I should have known it. This one will haunt me. You tried to warn me. You said you were a different breed. I didn't get it."

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Party bites worthy of an Academy Award

Canapes may sound stuffy, but they actually are the ultimate in ease when it comes to party food. Plus, they look great and can be combined in endless ways to suit any taste.

So here is simple formula

for making canapes: divide them into four components — bases, spreads, toppings and garnishes. For each canape, all you do is select one item from each category, then assemble. And the easiest way to assem-

ble enough for a party is to set out all of your ingredients (clustered by category), then just start selecting and building.

If you're planning on an Oscars viewing party, you might even consider turning the

making of the canapes into a pre-party. Set out everything on the counter, pour some wine and invite a few guests to come early and help assemble (and sample, of course).

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Each spread recipe makes enough to top 24 canapes. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bases

- 24 multigrain crackers
- 24 thin slices of seedless cucumber
- 24 toasted baguette slices
- 24 purchased phyllo cups (found in the grocer's freezer section)

Spreads

Zesty Barbecue

- 3 tbsp barbecue sauce
- 2 tbsp red pepper jelly
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- Splash of hot sauce

1. In bowl, stir ingredients.

Orange Sweet Potato

- 1 sweet potato, microwaved until fork-tender
- 2 tbsp orange marmalade
- 1 tbsp cider vinegar
- Salt, black pepper

1. Peel potato and mash in bowl. Stir in marmalade and vinegar. Season with salt and pepper.

Toppers

- Small cooked and peeled shrimp
- Shredded cooked chicken
- Halved cherry tomatoes
- Crab meat
- Small wedges of manchego cheese

Garnishes

- Shaved Parmesan cheese
- Sliced green and black olives
- Sliced hot peppers (such as piri piri or Peppadew)
- Sliced scallions

To assemble the canapes, arrange the bases on a large serving tray. Top each with a small dollop of one of the spreads. Press one of the topping choices into the spread, then finish each with a garnish.

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With the Oscar's awarded this Sunday, here are my picks for the right booze to match with each of the best picture nominees.

Les Misérables

Victor Hugo was French, loved Paris, and Paris loves the wines of Bordeaux. Go Right Bank, where merlot rules and the wines are softer and easier drinking.

Zero Dark Thirty

Osama bin Laden may have abstained, but his American hunters probably enjoyed a shot of Bourbon. Try a robust, single barrel version.

Life of Pi

I'd go with a sweeter white riesling from Germany. It likes pie — no matter the filling.

Django Unchained

This spaghetti western, à la Tarantino, deserves a nice Italian red made with the sangiovese grape from Tuscany's Chianti region.

Lincoln

Daniel Day-Lewis is a Brit, and Lincoln had more than enough reasons to take a drink. Together they make a strong case for a full-bodied English (or U.S.) ale.

Argo

Though it's sour grapes for the Academy for leaving its helmsman off the best director list, I'm betting Ben Affleck will be drinking some bubbly, like Moët & Chandon's non-vintage Brut Imperial champagne (\$60.75 to \$65), when his flick wins best picture.

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1. Heat the oven to 200 F.
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horseradish, lemon rind and salt and pepper to taste. Set aside.

Ingredients

- 3/4 cup plain non-fat Greek yogurt
- 1 tbsp bottled horseradish, drained
- 1/2 tsp grated lemon rind
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup whole-wheat flour
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- Pinch of salt
- Pinch of sugar
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 2 tbsp butter, melted
- 3/4 cup flaked or chopped smoked trout or salmon
- 1/4 cup fresh dill sprigs
- 2 oz salmon roe

3. In bowl, whisk flours, baking powder, baking soda, salt and sugar. In another bowl, combine buttermilk, egg and butter. Add wet ingredients to the dry ingredients and stir until barely combined. The batter will be thick.

4. Heat nonstick skillet over medium heat. Coat skillet with cooking spray and add batter by level tablespoon amounts. Do not crowd pan. Let cook until bottoms are golden brown, 3 mins. Flip and cook on second side until



This makes 24 blini. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

golden brown, 2 mins. Transfer to baking sheet and place in oven to keep warm. Repeat with remaining batter.

5. When all of the blini have been cooked and you are ready to serve, arrange them

on a serving platter. Top each with some of the smoked trout, horseradish-yogurt blend, a dollop of caviar and fresh dill. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SARA MOULTON, AUTHOR OF THREE COOKBOOKS, INCLUDING SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS.

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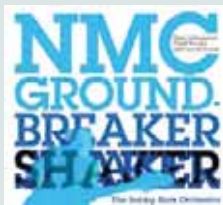
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NHL

Anderson injured in Sens' victory over Rangers

Kaspars Daugavins scored in the seventh round of the shootout and backup goalie Ben Bishop picked up the victory in relief of injured starter Craig Anderson as the Ottawa Senators defeated the New York Rangers 3-2 on Thursday.

The Senators lost Anderson at 1:43 of the third period after Rangers forward Chris Kreider was tripped in front and slid into the unsuspecting netminder.

No penalty was called on the play and Anderson had to be helped to the locker-room.

The team announced that the 31-year-old Anderson, who leads the league with a 1.57 goals-against average and .950 save percentage, suffered a sprained right ankle and is listed as day-to-day.

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NHL

Canucks burn Stars to end losing streak

Jason Garrison and Henrik Sedin scored third-period goals to help lead the Vancouver Canucks to a 4-3 victory over the Dallas Stars on Thursday.

Alex Burrows and Kevin Bieksa also scored for the Canucks, who ended a three-game winless streak (0-1-2), including a 4-3 decision to the Stars in Vancouver on Feb. 15.

Cory Schneider made 22 saves for the win.

Jamie Benn, Michael Ryder and Brenden Morrow scored for Dallas, which lost for the third time in its past four games.

Cristopher Nilstorp, who was recalled from AHL Texas on Sunday, stopped 18 shots.

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Manitoba skip Jennifer Jones reacts after her winning shot against Team Ontario during Draw 12 on Thursday at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in Kingston, Ont. Jones went on to defeat Quebec's Allison Ross to improve to 9-0. RYAN REMIOWZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Jones remains rock solid at Scotties

Curling. Two victories on Thursday have Manitoba sitting pretty at 9-0 with focus on qualifying for 1-2 Page playoff game

The battle of unbeaten rinks at the Scotties Tournament of Hearts on Thursday delivered drama, back-and-forth scoring swings and plenty of excitement.

Manitoba's Jennifer Jones emerged triumphant after a stellar display of shotmaking gave her a 9-7 win, a guaran-

teed playoff berth and left Ontario's Rachel Homan with her first loss of the tournament.

Jones shot an impressive 93 per cent and always had an answer for her opponent. Homan was buoyed by the pro-Ontario crowd at the K-Rock Centre in Kingston but it wasn't enough to prevent her from suffering her first defeat.

"I predicted that we were going to lose a couple of games — it's nationals and it's tough," Homan said. "There are so many good teams. We're just trying to get to the playoffs so we're looking really good."

Jones then improved to 9-0

4 will move on

The top four rinks in the 12-team field will qualify for the playoffs on the weekend.

- Round-robin play continues through Friday.

in the evening draw with a 7-1 victory over Quebec's Allison Ross (3-6), while Homan (8-1) kept pace with a 6-5 victory over Nova Scotia's Mary-Anne Arsenault (4-5).

In other Draw 14 action on Thursday night, Team Canada's Heather Nedohin (7-2) topped Alberta's Kristie Moore

(1-8) by a count of 5-3 and sits alone in third, while B.C.'s Kelly Scott is fourth at 6-3 following a 9-2 victory over Saskatchewan's Jill Shumay.

Shumay and New Brunswick's Andrea Crawford are tied for fifth at 5-4.

Jones is focused on qualifying for the 1-2 Page playoff game and said she's not really concerned about maintaining a perfect record.

"We had one loss in our provincials and it kind of gave us a kick in the pants," she said after beating Homan. "Right now I feel like we're playing well and we don't need that kick in the pants. So hopefully that's true." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Patrick steers clear of danger to keep Daytona 500 pole position

NASCAR. Female driver plays it safe in the first 150-mile Budweiser Duel, finishes 17th out of 23

Her car led the field to green, then Danica Patrick never gave herself a chance to race for the win at Daytona.

She's saving that all-out push for the Daytona 500.

Patrick had an easy choice in her first race since winning the pole for the Great American Race. She played it safe and stayed back Thursday, keeping her pole position for the Daytona 500.

All Patrick needed to do was keep her car intact to preserve the top spot for Sunday's Daytona 500. She started on the pole for the first 150-mile Budweiser Duel before she faded into the field and finished 17th out of 23 cars.

"I suppose there's a sense of relief," she kept the pole, Pat-



Danica Patrick stands in the garage during practice for the NASCAR Nationwide Series DRIVE4COPD 300 at Daytona International Speedway on Thursday in Daytona Beach, Fla. JONATHAN FERREY/GETTY IMAGES

rick said. "But at the same point in time, I'm a race-car driver, and it's not fun to have to protect and be careful and be cautious and drop back at times."

Patrick was nowhere near the four-lap sprint to the finish that saw Kevin Harvick hold off Greg Biffle for the win.

Patrick became the first

woman in history to win a pole in NASCAR's Sprint Cup series. Team owner Gene Haas even suggested — perhaps jokingly — that Patrick start and park

after two laps and save the car. No driver has won the Daytona 500 from the pole since Dale Jarrett in 2000.

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Playing favourites

Harvick no longer an underdog

Perfect so far at Speedweeks, Kevin Harvick has positioned himself as the favourite to win the Daytona 500.

It's the last label he wanted.

"We like to be the lame-duck underdog. That's what we're shooting for," Harvick said.

Harvick won the first Daytona 500 qualifying race on Thursday to make it 2-for-2 at Daytona International Speedway, where he also won an exhibition race last weekend. It positions Harvick, the 2007 Daytona 500 winner, as a top contender in Sunday's season-opening Great American Race.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	38	14	.731	—
New York	32	19	.627	5 1/2
Indiana	33	21	.611	6
Brooklyn	33	22	.600	6 1/2
Chicago	31	23	.574	8
Atlanta	29	23	.558	9
Boston	28	26	.519	11
Milwaukee	26	27	.491	12 1/2
Philadelphia	22	30	.423	16
Toronto	22	33	.400	17 1/2
Detroit	22	34	.393	18
Cleveland	17	37	.315	22
Washington	15	37	.288	23
Orlando	15	39	.278	24
Charlotte	13	41	.241	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	43	12	.782	—
Oklahoma City	39	15	.722	3 1/2
L.A. Clippers	39	17	.696	4 1/2
Memphis	35	18	.660	7
Denver	34	21	.618	9
Golden State	31	23	.574	11 1/2
Utah	31	24	.564	12
Houston	30	26	.536	13 1/2
L.A. Lakers	26	29	.473	17
Portland	25	29	.463	17 1/2
Dallas	24	29	.453	18
Minnesota	20	31	.392	21
New Orleans	19	36	.345	24
Sacramento	19	36	.345	24
Phoenix	18	37	.327	25

Note: Division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Thursday's results

Miami 86 Chicago 67

San Antonio at L.A. Clippers

Wednesday's results

Memphis 88 Toronto 82

Indiana 125 New York 91

Detroit 105 Charlotte 99

Cleveland 105 New Orleans 100

Minnesota 94 Philadelphia 87

Brooklyn 97 Milwaukee 94

Houston 122 Oklahoma City 119

Miami 103 Atlanta 90

Dallas 111 Orlando 96

L.A. Lakers 113 Boston 99

Golden State 108 Phoenix 98

Friday's games — All Times Eastern

Denver at Washington, 7 p.m.

Chicago at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

New York at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Detroit at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Houston at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.

Sacramento at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.

Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

Dallas at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

Boston at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
New Jersey	17	10	3	4	45	40	24
Pittsburgh	17	11	6	0	57	44	22
NY Rangers	16	8	6	2	41	41	18
Philadelphia	19	8	10	1	53	59	17
NY Islanders	17	7	9	1	50	60	15
NORTHEAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Montreal	17	11	4	2	49	39	24
Boston	14	10	2	2	41	33	22
Toronto	18	11	7	0	51	41	22
Ottawa	18	10	6	2	43	34	22
Buffalo	18	6	11	1	48	59	13

SOUTHEAST DIVISION	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	15	8	6	1	44	44	17
Tampa Bay	16	8	7	1	61	51	17
Winnipeg	16	7	8	1	41	50	15
Florida	16	5	7	4	40	58	14
Washington	16	5	10	1	43	54	11

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Thursday's results

Florida 5 Philadelphia 2

New Jersey 3 Washington 2

Toronto 3 Buffalo 1

Winnipeg 4 Carolina 3

NY Islanders 4 Montreal 3 (OT)

Ottawa 3 NY Rangers 2 (SO)

Boston 4 Tampa Bay 2

Columbus 3 Detroit 2

Vancouver 4 Dallas 3

Minnesota at Edmonton

Wednesday's results

Philadelphia 6 Pittsburgh 5

Colorado 1 St. Louis 0 (OT)

Los Angeles 3 Calgary 1

Friday's games

All Times Eastern

Florida at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.

Vancouver at Nashville, 8 p.m.

San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

New Jersey at Washington, 12 p.m.

Winnipeg at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

Phoenix at Edmonton, 3:30 p.m.

Colorado at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.

NY Rangers at Montreal, 7 p.m.

NY Islanders at Buffalo, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Ottawa, 7 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Carolina, 7 p.m.

Nashville at Detroit, 7 p.m.

Columbus at St. Louis, 8 p.m.

San Jose at Dallas, 8 p.m.

Minnesota at Calgary, 10 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	16	13	0	3	55	34	29
Nashville	17	8	4	5	39	38	21
St. Louis	17	9	6	2	53	51	20
Detroit	17	7	7	3	45	51	17
Columbus	17	5	10	2	39	53	12
NORTHWEST DIVISION	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	16	9	3	4	48	40	22
Minnesota	15	7	6	2	33	38	16
Colorado	15	7	7	1	38	43	15
Edmonton	15	6	6	3	36	41	15
Calgary	15	5	7	3	40	54	13

PACIFIC DIVISION	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	15	12	2	1	53	39	25
San Jose	15	8	4	3	39	34	19
Phoenix	16	8	6	2	44	41	18
Dallas	17	8	8	1	44	47	17
Los Angeles	15	7	6	2	36	38	16

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First Period

1. Buffalo, Ennis 6 (Stafford) 13:20

Penalties — Brown Tor (Roughing) 15:08,

Sulzer Buf (Holding) 19:18.

Second Period

2. Toronto, Phaneuf 3 (Kessel, Franson)

1:15 (pp)

3. Toronto, van Riemsdyk 10 (Kessel,

Kostka) 18:04

Penalties — Gerbe Buf (Tripping) 3:38,

Porter Buf (Goaltender Interference) 7:08,

Bench Tor (Too Many Men) 12:55.

Third Period

4. Toronto, van Riemsdyk 11 (Franson,

Phaneuf) 14:28 (pp)

Penalties — Scott Buf (Fighting) 3:07,

McLaren Tor (Fighting) 3:07, Gerbe Buf

(Roughing) 4:14, Phaneuf Tor (Roughing)

4:14, Porter Buf (Tripping) 12:36, Hecht

Buf (Delay of Game) 13:20, Komarov Tor

(Holding) 16:00.

Shots

Buffalo 13 6 13—32

Toronto 10 15 10—35

Goal — Buffalo: Miller (L, 6-9-1).

Toronto: Scrivens (W, 5-4-0).

Power plays (goal-chances) — Buffalo: 0-3.

Toronto: 2-5.

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Rules are meant to be broken, especially if they were made in someone else's favour. The bottom line is that your own needs come first. If that means going too far in some people's eyes, well, so be it.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Not everyone is as careful and conscientious as you and there is a real possibility that a mistake has been made. It may not be a serious one but it could affect you in some way, so check other people's work.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

There is one particular thing that needs your full and undivided attention today. You know what it is and you know you will have to focus hard if you are going to succeed. Don't let anything distract you.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Honesty is essential, even if it means that a long-standing friendship is put to the test. You may be tempted to avoid the truth to spare someone's feelings but in the long-term it will do more harm than good.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Someone needs to keep a clear head today and that someone has to be you. Others may get emotional but you must insist on common sense all the way down the line, for their sake as well as your own.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

There are so many changes going on that you probably can't keep track of them all. Don't worry. Most of them will work in your favour. One warning though: Don't make promises you may not be able to keep.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Certain duties may be a pain but you know they have to be done. Even with its petty annoyances this could be a positive time for you. Show people that you can be trusted to work on your own.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Something you had a hard time getting your head around yesterday will be as clear as crystal today. No doubt you will mentally kick yourself for being so dense but don't worry about it. You're allowed an off day now and again.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

The first step in resolving a problem is to admit that it exists, so stop making excuses and face the reality of your present situation. The moment you do that is the moment the answers start coming.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Something is worrying you but you can't put your finger on what it might be. Whatever it is the planets suggest it's not worth the effort, so focus on more pleasant thoughts. Don't let worry become a habit.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

A new path is beckoning and all you have to do is put one foot in front of the other and start walking. Just do it, otherwise you'll find all sorts of reasons to stay where you are.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

If you have an important decision to make today, you must take your time and get it right. If people press you to decide right away you can bet there is more in it for them than there is for you.

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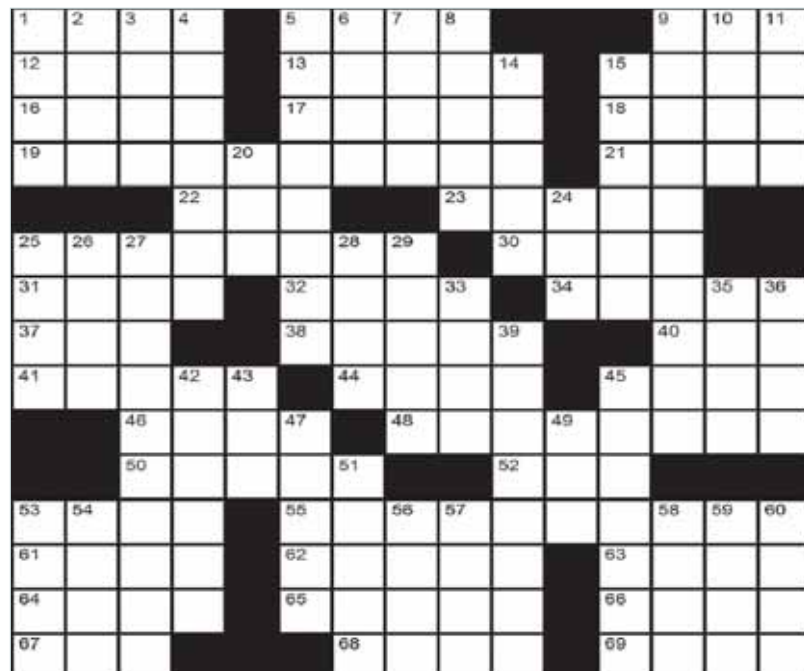
Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Slightly open
5. Switch
9. "Skedaddle!"
12. ___ Modern (London, England art gallery)
13. French painter Edouard
15. Ben Affleck movie up for Best Picture
16. Aesir ruler
17. Solo
18. Subj. with maps
19. This year's Oscars host, Seth ___
21. Actor Jared
22. Soak flax
23. Actor Mr. Hawke
25. Great Lake
30. Elegant instrument
31. Get ___ deal
32. "Ghostbusters" (1984) character, Dr. ___ Spengler
34. Bit of an '80s Bonnie Tyler hit: "I ___ hero..."
37. Greek alphabet's 19th letter
38. "Sexy ___" by The Beatles
40. Help
41. Daytime's DeGeneres
44. "A Beautiful ___" (2001)
45. "Behold!" to Brutus
46. Radar signal
48. Those up for Oscars
50. Speedy
52. Texter's "Are you serious?!"
53. Squabble
55. Item on Wolfgang Puck's Governors Ball menu for the Oscars: ___ with Pesto and Grilled Vegetables
61. Actress Ms. Russo
62. Blatant
63. British playwright, ___ Coward
64. Mrs. Lincoln's maiden name
65. Clown in the opera Pagliacci
66. Prefix that means "Within"
67. Fire or Army
68. Cable sports channel
69. Chair

Down

1. Bit of matter



2. Will Smith's wife
3. Suffix with 'Problem'
4. Holt ___ (Swanky retailer)
5. Colourful candies
6. Partition
7. Old World buffalo
8. Type of pasta
9. Environmental activism group
10. "___ Stung" by Elvis Presley
11. "Is that for here or ___?" (Fast food query)
14. Pre red carpet appointment, ___ whitening
15. Dazzling
20. Irish airline, ___ Lings

24. Harrison Ford role, ___ Solo
25. Fully satisfy
26. ___ Mountains (Range in Russia)
27. "Canadian Man" country singer: 2 wds.
28. Old Irish alphabet [var. sp.]
29. Sculptor of The Thinker
33. El ___ (Warm ocean current)
35. Board game pieces
36. Lemony drinks
39. Alberta city
42. Joyful
43. ___-and-tuck
45. Search ___ (Google, and others)
47. Basketball court maneuver

49. Pixie
51. Bell Biv ___ (Music group)
53. Title for a Miss, in Spanish [abbr.]
54. Hireling
56. Mil. titles
57. "What ___ off!" (It's too expensive)
58. No-fly, for one
59. Catherine ___ Jones
60. Frequently: 2 wds.

Yesterday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY



MAX: 4°
MIN: -6°

SATURDAY



MAX: 2°
MIN: -4°

SUNDAY



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